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1. A mobile terminal apparatus which can be opened and closed as a first cabinet slides and moves relative to a second cabinet and comprises a voice input section, a voice output section, and a communication section for communicating a voice signal input from the voice input section to an intended party, the mobile terminal apparatus comprising:

10 positional relation sensing means for sensing the relative position relation between the first cabinet and the second cabinet; and

15 voice control means for inhibiting signal transmission from the voice input section to the voice output section and signal transmission from the voice input section to the communication section for muting if the first and second cabinets are in a transition state from an open state to a closed state or the closed state to the open state based on output of the positional relation sensing means.

20 2. The mobile terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the voice control means continues the muting for a predetermined time period from the point in time when the first and second cabinets enter the open state or the closed state from the transition state and releases the muting after 25 the expiration of the predetermined time period.

3. The mobile terminal apparatus according to claim 1 or
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wherein the positional relation sensing means comprises:

5 a magnetic material provided at least in one of the first cabinet and the second cabinet; and

a magnetic sensing element, provided in the cabinet opposed to the cabinet in which the magnetic material is disposed, for sensing a magnetic field of the magnetic 10 material.

4. The mobile terminal apparatus according to claim 1 or
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wherein the positional relation sensing means comprises
15 a switch which is provided at least in one of the first cabinet and the second cabinet and is pressed as the opposed cabinet makes a slide move.